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(C) EP Counselor delivered reftel points clarifying the transition to Afghan lead provincial responsibility to MFA Americas Deputy Director Loh Tuck Keat and MFA Central Asia, North Africa and Middle East Deputy Director Stephen Lim in a January 19 meeting. Both Loh and Lim emphasized that Singapore understands and supports United States' policy in Afghanistan, and that the current U.S. effort is clearly not an exit strategy but rather a transition to the next phase. Lim said it is good to see that there is a pragmatic plan in place to progress towards our mutual goals in Afghanistan. Loh also emphasized that Singapore's offer of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) support in Afghanistan is still on the table and that Singapore hopes the United States can make good use of these assets.

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